

Kaylee's Korner

Mexico City Trip

At the beginning of this month, our class took AIM's annual trip to **Mexico City** to visit, encourage, and serve the church that is there. The first day there, we participated in what we like to call the "**AIMazing Race**." Each team had to navigate the public transportation, crowds, and language barriers, all while completing challenges spread across Mexico City. The rest of the week we did various service projects, helped with the personal ministries of the AIMers currently working there, and promoted the church in the community. We also visited and did various service projects in one of our classmate's home town. My **favorite part** of the trip was Sunday. We worshipped with the Iglesia de Cristo Metropolitano then fellowshiped with the Sunday night youth group, "Comida y Chill." Being back in a Latin American culture and worshipping in Spanish was good for my heart. I really enjoyed the fellowship that I saw and experienced among the Mexican believers and the AIMers. I was very impressed by the **AIMers** that currently live in Mexico City. They worked like a loving and high-functioning team, and you could tell that they had their focus on God's mission. I hope to be like that when I get to the mission field.

Area Church

We were reassigned to new Area Churches. My team is now working with the **Amherst** Church of Christ. Amherst is a small town, the kind where everyone knows everyone, and people's grandparents basically built the town. The church is more laid-back than I've ever experienced, but you can tell that it is really like a family. I'm excited to be working there on Sundays. We've been there for two weeks so far. The first Sunday after the morning service, we participated in a youth rally in a neighboring town. The second Sunday we painted a house and had a devotional that night before returning home. It's really amazing to see how many churches have different ways of doing things, but we are all part of the same body of Christ.

Mission Term

Mission Term has officially begun! We are all learning together how to navigate Lubbock without driving, to communicate without texting or social media, and to use no electronic entertainment. I am excited to start the other part of mission term, which is twice a week we will have intentional time for either service work or evangelism. I am hoping to be pushed out of my comfort zone and am praying for God to use me however He pleases during this time.



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Blessings from God

Thank you, God for how you answer prayers and speak to us through your Word! You are so faithful and patient with your children as we learn and your Spirit works to mold us more and more into the image of your Son, Jesus Christ! In his name, Amen.



Looking Forward

Team Dynamics

These next few months we will be focusing on how our teams work together and getting to know each other. Part of that is something called "team dynamics" which is a specific time each week led by our assistants to promote team growth and development.

Challenge Week

The first week of February we will have an activity called "challenge week" where we will, with our teams, be sent to work with a church within a 6-hour radius from Lubbock. We will go without our assistants and will be responsible for organizing everything we do there ourselves.

Winterfest

A group of six of us are going to Winterfest in Gatlinburg to promote AIM and run the booth there. On the way we will be spending the night in Commerce, TX. I am so excited to be able to see what my field will look like before I arrive.

Camp Adventure Weekend

I had never gone to Camp Adventure before coming to AIM, so I had no real idea of what to expect. It was funny to have conversations with my campers like: "Hi, is this your first Camp Adventure?" and they would say "Yep." and I would reply "Mine, too!"

But in all seriousness, it was awesome! We had a great guest speaker, **Billy McGuigan**. Our theme this year was "Jesus Is" which focuses on the seven "I am" statements that Jesus makes throughout the book of John (I am the bread of life, I am the light of the world, etc.)

The three State-side fields were in charge of the "**cultural dinner**" for the weekend camp. Cultural dinner/breakfast is where the AIMers going to a field will prepare a meal that represents the culture that they will be entering. Then, after the meal they present to the campers the field and what they will be doing there. The **Phoenix team** made chicken tikka because of the Mexican population.

Team Homestead, FL made key lime pie because it is a popular dessert there. And **team Commerce** (Olivia and I) ordered pizza and made fruit smoothies because Commerce is a college town and that is what a lot of college students eat.

This weekend was also the first time I ever led a night devotional in camp-like setting. I was really nervous, but I did it, and I think that the girls got the message I was trying to share.

I love how many new experiences I am getting in AIM and how much more comfortable I'm becoming **outside of my comfort zone!**

I am so excited for the weeklong Camp Adventure that is in March 9-14!

Verse of the Month

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Thank you!

Thank you so much for your continued support, love, and prayers! They are so appreciated, and I really wouldn't be able to do any of the things in this program without y'all. I am so grateful for you beyond words and thank God for everyone who is supporting me, praying for me, or even just reading my newsletter!